

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). An image commercial transactions system comprising:

a reception dealer having a photographic image scanner for converting a picture on a photographic film into a digital image, and for accepting a sale of said digital image with a handling condition associated with said digital image and, for selling said digital image with said handling condition in a digital data format, and for transferring said digital image with said handling condition in said digital data format to a receiver side via an Internet line so that said digital image is developed at said receiver side into a printed picture modified based on said handling condition; and

a charge accounting dealer for effecting an electronic charge accounting transaction for a purchase of said digital image data with said handling condition in said digital data format.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 1 wherein said reception dealer generates predetermined additional information for said digital image, and distributes said generated additional

information in digital data format, along with said handling condition data containing information of a selling price of said digital image data.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 2 wherein said reception dealer distributes said additional information data containing information as to a payment condition for purchasing said digital image data, information as to a recorder's name of said digital image data, information as to a recorder's history of said digital image data, information as to a type of data format of said digital image data, information as to advertisement data synthesized with said digital image data, text information data synthesized with said digital image data, and processing information data synthesized with said digital image data.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 2 wherein said reception dealer distributes said digital image data subjected to a scrambling process.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The image commercial transactions system according to claim 4 wherein said reception dealer distributes said additional information data containing

information as to whether said digital image data is subjected to said scrambling process.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 5 wherein said reception dealer distributes said additional information data containing predetermined key data useful in said scrambling process for said digital image data.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 2 wherein said reception dealer distributes said digital image data subjected to a masking process.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 7 wherein said reception dealer distributes said additional information data containing information as to whether said digital image data is subjected to said masking process.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 2 further comprising a delivery dealer for receiving and delivering said digital image data with said handling condition data to a purchaser.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 9 wherein said delivery dealer synthesizes said advertisement data contained in said additional information data and said digital image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 9 wherein said delivery dealer synthesizes said text information data contained in said additional information data and said digital image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 9 wherein said delivery dealer synthesizes said processing information data contained in said additional information data and said digital image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 6 further comprising

a delivery dealer for receiving and delivering said digital image data with said handling condition to a purchaser, wherein said delivery dealer performs a descrambling process of said digital image data based on said key data contained in said additional information data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 3 wherein said reception dealer changes said selling price of said digital image data depending on whether said advertisement data is synthesized with said digital image data.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 3 wherein said reception dealer changes said selling price of said digital image data depending on whether said text information data is synthesized with said digital image data.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 3 wherein said reception dealer changes said selling price of said digital image data depending on whether said processing information data is synthesized with said digital image data.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 4 wherein said reception dealer changes said selling price of said digital image data depending on whether said digital image data is subjected to said scrambling process.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended). An image commercial transactions method comprising:

an image scanning step for converting a picture on a photographic film into a digital image;

a reception step of enabling a reception dealer to accept a sale of said digital image with a handling condition associated with said digital image;

a sale step of enabling said reception dealer to sell said digital image with said handling condition in a digital data format; and

a transferring step of transferring said digital image with said handling condition in said digital data format to a receiver side via an Internet line so that said digital image is developed at said receiver side into a printed picture modified based on said handling condition; and

a charge accounting step of enabling a charge accounting dealer to effect an electronic charge accounting transaction for a purchase of said digital image with said handling condition in said digital data format.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 18 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to generate predetermined additional information for said digital image, and sell said generated additional information in digital data

format, along with said digital image data with said handling condition data.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 19 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to sell said additional information data containing information of a selling price of said digital image data, information as to a payment condition for purchasing said digital image data, information as to a recorder's name of said digital image data, information as to a recorder's history of said digital image data, information as to a type of data format of said digital image data, information as to advertisement data synthesized with said digital image data, text information data synthesized with said digital image data, and processing information data synthesized with said digital image data.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to distribute said digital image data subjected to a scrambling process.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 21 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to distribute said

additional information data containing information as to whether said digital image data is subjected to said scrambling process.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 22 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to distribute said additional information data containing predetermined key data useful in performing said scrambling process for said digital image data.

Claim 24 (Original). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to distribute said digital image data subjected to a masking process.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 24 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to distribute said additional information data containing information as to whether said digital image data is subjected to said masking process.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 further comprising
a delivery step of receiving and delivering by a delivery dealer said digital image data with said handling condition to a

purchaser, wherein said delivery step comprises enabling said delivery dealer to synthesize said advertisement data contained in said additional information data and said digital image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 further comprising

a delivery step of receiving and delivering by a delivery dealer said digital image data with said handling condition to a purchaser, wherein said delivery step comprises enabling said delivery dealer to synthesize said text information data contained in said additional information data and said digital image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 further comprising

a delivery step of receiving and delivering by a delivery dealer said digital image data with said handling condition to a purchaser, wherein said delivery step comprises enabling said delivery dealer to synthesize said processing information data contained in said additional information data and said digital image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 21 further comprising

a delivery step of receiving and delivering by a delivery dealer said digital image data with said handling condition to a purchaser, wherein said delivery step comprises enabling said delivery dealer to perform a descrambling process of said digital image data based on said key data contained in said additional information data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 wherein said charge accounting step comprises changing said selling price of said digital image depending on whether said advertisement data is synthesized with said digital image data.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 wherein said charge accounting step comprises changing said selling price of said digital image data depending on whether said text information data is synthesized with said digital image data.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 wherein said charge accounting step comprises changing said selling price of said digital image data depending on whether said processing information data is synthesized with said digital image data.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 21 wherein said charge accounting step comprises changing said selling price of said digital image data depending on whether said digital image data is subjected to the scrambling process.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 24 wherein said charge accounting step comprises changing said selling price of said digital image data depending on whether said digital image data is subjected to said masking process.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 19 further comprising
a publication step of enabling said reception dealer to produce index data for sales propagation that displays collectively digital images to be sold, and publicizes said produced index data over a network.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 35 wherein said publication step comprises enabling said reception dealer to produce said index data for sales propagation that displays collectively a selling price of digital images together with said

digital images to be sold, and publicizes said produced index data over said network.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 36 wherein said publication step comprises enabling said reception dealer to produce said index data for sales propagation that displays collectively information as to a payment condition for purchasing digital images, together with said digital images to be sold, and publicizes said produced index data over said network.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 37 wherein said publication step comprises enabling said reception dealer to produce said index data for sales propagation that displays collectively a recorder's name of digital images, together with said digital images to be sold, and publicizes said produced index data over said network.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 38 wherein said publication step comprises enabling said reception dealer to produce said index data for sales propagation that displays collectively a recorder's history of digital images, together with said digital images to be sold, and publicizes said produced